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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A connector for terminating a coaxial cable comprising:

 a generally cylindrical connector body having a detent disposed therein; and

 a generally cylindrical locking sleeve coupled to the connector body and having at least one protrusion formed thereon partially encircling less than the full circumference of the locking sleeve and for being received in the detent when the coaxial cable is terminated in the connector.
2. (Original) The connector of claim 1 wherein the locking sleeve is detachably coupled to the connector body.
3. (Original) The connector of claim 2 wherein the locking sleeve is movable from a first position loosely retaining said cable in the connector body to a second position locking said cable to the connector body.
4. (Original) The connector of claim 1 wherein the detent is annular.
5. (Original) The connector of claim 4 wherein the locking sleeve includes a plurality of protrusions formed thereon and being evenly spaced about the locking sleeve.

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6. (Original) The connector of claim 1 wherein the at least one protrusion includes a chamfered front wall for easing insertion into the detent.

7. (Original) The connector of claim 6 wherein the detent includes a rearwardly facing chamfered wall that is complementary to the chamfered front wall of the at least one protrusion.

8. (Original) The connector of claim 7 wherein the at least one protrusion is of greater malleable composition than the connector body.

9. (Original) The connector of claim 1 wherein the at least one protrusion includes a perpendicular rear wall.

10. (Original) The connector of claim 9 wherein the detent includes a forwardly facing perpendicular wall for abutting the perpendicular rear wall of the at least one protrusion and preventing extraction of the at least one protrusion from the detent.

11. (Previously Presented) A connector for terminating a coaxial cable comprising:
- a connector body having an annular detent disposed therein; and
 - a locking sleeve detachably coupled to the connector body having a plurality of protrusions, spaced circumferentially and evenly formed thereon and for being received in the detent when the coaxial cable is terminated in the connector.
12. (Original) The connector of claim 11 wherein the at least one protrusion includes a chamfered front wall for easing insertion into the detent.
13. (Original) The connector of claim 12 wherein the detent includes a rearwardly facing chamfered wall that is complementary to the chamfered front wall of the at least one protrusion.
14. (Original) The connector of claim 11 wherein the at least one protrusion includes a perpendicular rear wall.
15. (Original) The connector of claim 14 wherein the detent includes a forwardly facing perpendicular wall for abutting the perpendicular rear wall of the at least one protrusion and preventing extraction of the at least one protrusion from the detent.
16. (Original) The connector of claim 11 wherein the at least one protrusion is of greater malleable composition than the connector body.

17. (Currently amended) A connector for terminating a coaxial cable comprising:

a connector body having a cable receiving end and a projection disposed therein;

a locking sleeve insertably received ~~[[in]]~~ through said cable receiving end of said connector body and having a rearward end, a smooth annular portion and at least one groove formed between the rearward end and the smooth annular portion; and

wherein the projection slides along the smooth annular portion and is subsequently received in the groove when the coaxial cable is terminated in the connector body.

18. (Original) The connector of claim 17 wherein the locking sleeve has a first position and a second position.

19. (Original) The connector of claim 18 wherein the projection slides along the smooth annular portion and is subsequently received in the groove when the locking sleeve is moved to the second position for securing the locking sleeve to the connector body.

20. (Original) The connector of claim 17 wherein the projection is an O-ring.